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Applicants: Debra N. Welchel, et al. Docket No.: 20193
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**Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
Original U.S. Patent Application
Joint Inventors**

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Sir:

As the below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our respective residence addresses, post office addresses and citizenship designations are as stated below, next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the patent application entitled:

A CONVERTIBLE DISPENSER FOR SHEET MATERIAL

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that each of us has reviewed and understands the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and any accompanying drawings as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose all information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

As the named inventors, we hereby appoint the attorneys and/or agents associated with Customer Number 23556 to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

We direct that all correspondence be addressed to the correspondence address associated with Customer Number 23556.

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We hereby declare that:

1. All statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and
2. These statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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Assignment – Joint Inventors

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Sir:

WHEREAS Debra N. Welch residing at 1350 Chatley Way, Woodstock, Georgia, 30188, Herb F. Velazquez residing a 3142 Westfield Ridge, Neenah, Wisconsin, 54956 and Joseph Mitchell residing at 5075 Oakmont Bend Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia, 30004 (hereinafter collectively referred to as Assignors), have made an invention and have each either (1) previously executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor or (2) are contemporaneously executing an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America for the invention which is entitled:

A CONVERTIBLE DISPENSER FOR SHEET MATERIAL

AND WHEREAS Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having offices at 401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956, United States of America, (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and under said Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that in consideration of the payment by the Assignee to the Assignors of the sum of One U.S. Dollar (\$1.00 U.S.) and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent or similar legal protection in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries to be obtained for said invention by said application or any continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, renewal, substitute, re-examination, conversion or reissue thereof, including all extensions thereof, or any legal equivalent thereof in any foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted, including any and all convention rights.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this document on the date indicated below:

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